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Minutes – One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee Thursday, March 20, 2014

Members Present:

Dania Aponte
Johnny Brown
Bill Carver
Chuck Casto
Jay Cunningham
Marline Elkins
Scott Johnson
Lance Lamberton
John Pape
Roger Sandbothe
Kes Stadler
Alice Summerour
Frank Wigington

Cobb County & Other Officials Present:

Sam Heaton, Public Safety Director
John Reida, Director Property Manager
Jim Wilgus, DOT, Deputy Director
Mark Reida, Public Safety Facilities Supervisor
Scott Barfield, Division Mgr, Property Mgmt
Lindy Tisdell, Accountant III, Finance
Nancy Rouse, Admin, DOT

City of Kennesaw

Earnie Via, Public Works Director
Yared Altaye, City Engineer

Absent

Antwyn Brown
Joellen Smith

Chairperson Alice Summerour called the 47th meeting of the One Percent SPLOST Citizen Oversight Committee to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 20, 2014, in the Board of Commissioners conference room.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lindy Tisdell, from the Finance Department, gave the monthly financial report. Year-to-date collections total \$270.8 million, which is \$20 million over projection. The County currently has \$118.2 million cash/investments on hand.

Earnie Via, Public Works Director from the City of Kennesaw gave the city's SPLOST update. Mr. Via stated five major projects have been completed: Cherokee Street @ McCollum Pkwy; Jiles Road; Kennesaw Due West @ US41; Old Hwy 41 @ Barrett Pkwy; and seven miles of resurfacing. Mr. Via went on to discuss the active projects and the scope of the work for each. There was a discussion regarding infrastructure improvements and the need to upgrade the drainage piping throughout the City, much of it is in "fail mode". The question was asked what does "fail mode" mean – it means the drainage (culverts) are leaking, plugged up, or crushed and not doing all it can for the flow of water. Priority for repairs is drainage near roadways – so the roads do not get compromised.

John Reida, Property Manager Director, gave the Facilities report. Of the 135 projects, 62% are complete, 14% in design, 22% future projects and 2% construction is under way.

The Juvenile Court renovation project is now completed. Juvenile Court was located on County Services Road and has now relocated to the "old" courthouse. All Courts are now located on the Square. The majority of this renovation was done with in-house staff, with some sub-contractors. The Judicial portion of the SPLOST program is just about complete, except for the chambers/courtroom for the new judgeship, which is not expected to happen for two years.

Mr. Reida continued his update with project highlights of the Elections Warehouse and Windy Hill Community Center renovations. Discussion was held about the measures needed to take at the Windy Hill Community Center to secure the HVAC systems from being stolen, as there has been a problem at this location several times.

Planned activities for the next quarter were shown and discussed.

Mr. Sam Heaton, Director Public Safety gave the Public Safety report. Of the 27 Public Safety projects, 63% are completed, 22% are underway and 15% are future projects.

Mr. Heaton gave project highlights from the past quarter: Four Rescue trucks have gone into service and an additional one is expected in April. These trucks were assembled by a local Marietta firm. The new manual defibrillators went into service in December. Discussion was held about the real time CPR feedback and the new technology of these monitors.

There a discussion about the increasing and ever changing technology of equipment and how the SPLOST program has kept Public Safety from falling behind in the purchase of life saving equipment.

Upcoming activities for Public Safety include bids for Rescue Truck, evaluation of extrication equipment and development of new specifications for Fire Engines.

Ms Summerour introduced a new committee member, Chuck Casto, a 29 year resident of Cobb County, who was appointed by Commissioner Burrell, District 3.

Committee members were reminded of the upcoming tour of Parks and Transportation on April 8th. Plan to meet in the lobby at 1:30.

The next meeting will be held May 15, 2014.

The meeting was then adjourned.